

Some years ago a good man came
With kindly eyes and winning smile;
They said St. Patrick was his name—
He drove the snakes from Erin's Isle.

CLUB OWNERS BAR
FREAK DELIVERIES

Spit and Emery Balls Must
No Longer Be Used in
Western League

McGraw Loses Robertson

Benny Kauff Does Not Claim Exemption in Draft—Lee Magee Traded to Matty's Reds

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
NEW YORK, March 14.—All 16 major league ball clubs start spring training this week. The Giants are reported to have a strong team.

The Western league club owners have adopted a 140-game schedule. They have also concluded to bar the spit ball, the emery ball, and every other kind of freak delivery.

Manager McGraw of the Giants apparently will not get Davey Robertson this season. Davey appears determined to stay on the retired list.
Lee Magee has gone to the Cincinnati Reds from the St. Louis Browns in a three cornered deal. St. Louis trading him for Outfielder Tim Hendryx of the New York Yankees. Magee was once considered one of the game's great outfielders. He got a big bonus from the Federal league and ran Benny Kauff a hot race for the batting championship.
Magee was purchased from the Federal league by the Yankees for \$25,000. He came with a three years' contract to receive \$5,500 annually. The contract expired last fall. His salary now is reported to be cut in half.
Charlie Herzog is still keeping the managers guessing. McGraw says Herzog will be the well known person *non grata* if he refuses to go to the Boston Braves as ordered. Benny Kauff, the Giants' star outfielder, called in the draft, has not claimed exemption.

CLAIMS JACKSON WAS
THE BEST BIG BOXER

Eugene Corri, English Referee, Boosts Colored Marvel

Eugene Corri, the famous referee and conspicuous figure of the National Sporting Club of London, has a timely article in London *Answers* on the subject of real boxing champions. Corri was asked to select the best of the great pugilists. He chose Peter Jackson, Jack Johnson and Frank Slavin. The last named, by the way, although 55 years old, is in the Canadian army and recently returned to Toronto on a furlough from the French front. Corri decided in favor of Jackson, the big West Indian negro whom John L. Sullivan never would meet, who knocked out Slavin in ten rounds and a year later fought a 61-round draw with Jim Corbett. If Jackson had not turned an ankle several days before the fight the result might have been altogether different. Says Corri:

"I had to think before giving my verdict. This was how I worked it out. I imagined all four great heavyweights alive, and in their fighting prime at the same time. I made an imaginary tournament of them, putting Jackson and Johnson, the black men, in the first heat. Well, Johnson put up an amazing display of defense, while Peter Jackson, the bronze statue, taxed his tactics to the uttermost. Neither knocked the other out. But I gave the verdict points to Peter, and the audience applauded my decision.

"The next heat was between Slavin and Fitz. That was the grandest display of brawling ever witnessed between two white exponents of glove fighting. Keep in mind that it never happened, except in my imagination, as I tried to answer the question addressed to me from the men in the trenches. It makes me hold my temples as I create the great spectacle. Slavin, a picture of physical proportions, Fitz angular and hard as heven stone, not a picture, but a terrible power for punching. On rushes the fray for 19 of the 20 rounds. Slavin holds the balance on points, but Fitz comes up for the last round breathing fire and danger. His eyes burn like red coals; his mouth and chin are rigid. Fitz smiles sweetly, as much as to say: 'The knockout is coming very soon.'"

"And it did. With a punch that would almost have staggered a tank the Cornishman plunged his Sahara right fist into Slavin's solar plexus, following with an uppercut to the chin the way he finished Corbett, in reality, at Carson City—and down drops Frank Slavin, insensible to the boards, where he is counted out. Jackson and Fitzsimmons are left in the final, and to cut my imaginary tournament short, the splendid and unparelleled negro, Gentleman Jack, is used to speak of him, wins on points. He could not hit Fitz out, though by the skill of his boxing he wore him well down. Nobody ever could hope to knock out Fitzsimmons in his prime. So I voted Jackson as the greatest man in that group of four immortal gladiators."

Geography in the A.E.F.

Germany—A constantly dwindling country situated in Middle Europe; the inhabitants of which are fed solely on lies and promises.
Austria—See Germany first.
Turkey—See Germany.
Bulgaria—See with a microscope.
Russia—A large country situated half in Europe and about half in Asia, not ruled by anybody in particular and not caring much about being ruled by anybody.
Great Britain—An island which might for its size be dropped in Lake Michigan, but which instead has dropped on Germany's neck like a thousand of beef.
France—A country populated in the main by the soldiers of the civilized nations of the world, possessing great extremes of heat and cold, and in its upper or fighting portions given over almost exclusively to the production of mud.
Belgium—A country with guts.
Mexico—The home of the rattlesnake, the tarantula, the tropic sun and the fever, but, at that, a lot more civilized than Germany.
America—See Heaven.

WALLOP DEAR TEACHER
WITH A HAND GRENADE!

Hist, you heavers! Lamp this line that our American staff correspondent just flung into the capacious maw of the panting cable company.
"The gentle hand grenade has become a feature of most of the country's amateur athletic meets. The Rocky Mountain conference has decided to add it to intercollegiate sports. It may become an important scholastic implement against undesirable faculties."
Undesirable faculties? Our otherwise careful and toll saving correspondent has indulged in a totally superfluous word, "Undesirable" applied to faculties? It's redundant. All faculties are undesirable—not only in themselves, but they are composed exclusively of undesirable. Oh, joy! Think of winging a good old hand grenade at the dome-like head of Old Man Whoozle, who flunked us in European History! That would be a little fact of modern European history.

STAR SHELLS

By Q.M. SGT. STUART CARROLL, Q.M.C.
PECCOLAR HORRORS OF WAR
"Suppose, on returning to citizen's shoes,"
Said Corporal Andy McPhee,
"I find that the girl I had hoped to lose
Is faithfully waiting for me."
"Chicago Tribune."
"Suppose, when I doff the old khaki
For aye."
Said Tip Sergeant Terry O'Moore,
"That the girl I allotted one-half of my pay
Has married the slacker next door."
Prof. James Naismith, professor of physical education and hygiene at Kansas University, and inventor of the game of basketball, is in France. Presumably he will aid the U.S. bomb tossers in locating the Götter baskets. But Prof. Jimmy should remember that over here we don't call any personal fouls and that the enemy says he's got the referee fixed anyway.

White Slim Sater is refusing a \$7,000 contract, he's probably forgetting about those of his peers who signed one with Uncle Sam for \$30 a month.

HIS DEATH SENTENCE

Sir: When our top cutter read in THE STARS AND STRIPES that baseball circuits were to be shortened in order that railroad transportation might be hastened, he said:
"Now the press agents are trying to electrify the fans by a baseball short-circuit."
Well, when our barrage of chairs, mess-kits, etc., was over, the top had passed to the great beyond. P.J.Q.

REGT. OF IMMORTALS, A.E.F.

Sir: He's a heluva good field clerk and maybe we can find room for him in the Regiment. Oh, yes, and his name is Slim Mee, but he isn't a heathen Chinee.
Mr. A.P.O. 717
Slim Mee is elected and will assist Adjutant Kacklighter in handling the paper work of the regiment.

CELA NE FAIT RIEN

My French is a sorry affair.
And the words I may happen to use
Would make a prof. pull at his hair—
"Twould give him the blindest of blunders;
Yet one thing I've mastered, I think.
Though difficult, quite, was the feat—
To say when I'm needin' a drink:
"En back, s'il vous plait, ma petite."
In Spanish, oh, yes, I am there.
And over it I can enthuse.
But what good is Spanish, *ma cher*?
If French makes you would amuse!
So, though I can't order "vin blanc"
For mademoiselles that I meet,
I chirp, if they're wishin' a drink:
"En back, s'il vous plait, ma petite."
So often I'm up in the air,
And sometimes my temper I lose.
On finding I can't even swear
In words that a native would choose;
But still, there is nary a kink
When, wandering in from the street,
I say, when I'm wantin' a drink:
"En back, s'il vous plait, ma petite."

WISE GOTHAMITES
PROVE EASY MARKS

\$1,000 a Minute Cleared
in New York Gambling
Houses de Luxe

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
NEW YORK, March 14.—In the course of his investigations into the gambling industry, District Attorney Swann has unearthed some merry disclosures that cheer cynical New York. Many prominent and wise Gothamites have testified to losing neat sums up to \$20,000 like little country boys in the hands of wicked huncs steerers.
The gamblers had gentlemanly clubs and stylish hotels, and took all comers—also, they took everything away from all comers, but apparently the city's wise ones merely paid up and came again.
It was a flourishing business, often paying \$1,000 a minute. The testimony has made some of our thrifty war profiteers weep mildly at the opportunity they missed.

SQUASH SERIES PROGRESSES

NEW YORK, March 14.—Harry McGill, the Princeton club squash player, has advanced to the third round by two victories in the national Class II squash tennis championship tournament, held in New York. William Ganley, the New York Athletic club professional, beat Stephen Faron, of the Harvard club, in a squash match staged for the benefit of the Red Cross, winning three straight games, 15-5, 15-8, 15-5.

HUNS HIT .000 AGAINST LORRAINE HURLERS

that he ought to get firmly fixed in his mind. And think of lofting the old grenade in fine parabolic curve at the useful oblonga of Old Whuszone who flunked us for not knowing all about parabolic curves and angles of elevation and all the rest of the rot that you never use outside the artillery! And, too, think of plunking old Herr Professor Schwed right in the solar plexus—Old Schwein, who told us that the Germans were a good and kind and loving peaceful people!
But the prize grenade target of all is yet to come. Swing your arms and practice up with your grenades, all you ex-college and prep-school twirlers, shot-poppers, hammer and discus throwers! Prepare to aim your last, your most telling grenade launch at the pate of Old Fatherall, the philosophy prof, who told us all solemnly that there never could be another European war!

YANKEE GALLERY
SEES BOAR HUNT

Beast Finds Zone Just Behind Front Line Safest Spot in France

When there isn't Roche hunting to be done some of the American sportsmen up front find time to hunt the wild boar. A visiting correspondent recently came upon a company of them on the Lorraine line following the sport of kings with zest and interest.
True they were only engaged in the hunt to the extent of cheering on a half-dozen polius who were racing across country after a bored-looking boar about the size of a grizzly bear, but for the moment they weren't interested in anything else. The boar had found peace in the midst of war's alarms, for although there were several hundred firearms within easy range of him, nobody dared fire for fear of hitting someone else.
The beast seemed perfectly aware of this. For he looped along nonchalantly across country a hundred yards or so ahead of his pursuers. This was going on not more than three miles from the firing line.
The doughboys who constituted the gallery refused to talk about war and the part they were going to play in it until M. Boar had vanished over the brow of the hill beyond.

DIFFERENT ON BROADWAY

"Say, isn't that a hot one?" a stall-wart sergeant observed disgustedly. "Lettin' that pig get clean away. If it 'ud been Broadway now, he'd be full o' holes by this time. Every cop in the precinct would have peppered him."
Boar hunting within range of the German guns caused another youth to mutter something about the spectacle resembling the Bronx Zoo more than the battle zone.
"Wait till they leave us start somethin' out in the trenches," another rejoined. "Take it from me, every boar will be down in his hole for 100 miles around—and so will the Huns, too!"

WITH THE MITT WIELDERS

Benny Leonard has offered to box Mike O'Dowd, the champion of the middleweight title, ten rounds, if Mike will make 154 pounds ringside for him.
William Widdman of New York has offered Jess Willard \$75,000 for a bout with Fred Fulton at Carson City, Nev., on July 4. Willard says he will be the promoter of his own bouts in the future and he will name the terms for the boys anxious to meet him.
Jess Willard has informed Jack Dempsey that he will first have to whip Fulton, Moran, Brennan and others before he can be considered as a likely candidate for a title.
Pat Cline has challenged Benny Leonard for a 20-round go for the title.
Owen Moran, former English boxer, has enlisted in the British Army.
Frankie Fleming, featherweight champion of Canada, has joined the Royal Flying Corps.
Jimmy Clabby, former middleweight champion, has enlisted in the Australian Army.
Leach Cross, former New York lightweight, is now a physical culture expert at Los Angeles.
Johnny Dundee won from Pat Moran in 20 rounds at New Orleans.
Harry Greb found Zulu Kid easy in their bout at Bridgeport, Conn., the contest ending in the thirteenth round in compliance with the closing order of the foul commissioner.
Dave Astey, former bantamweight champion, will meet the English bantamweight champion, Jimmie Wilde, at the Liverpool Stadium on May 6. Astey will receive a \$2,000 guarantee and transportation. Wilde has knocked out two Americans, Young Rosner, of Harlem, and Zulu Kid, of Brooklyn, both first-class fighters.

WHY TROUBLE TO CHANGE?

An American vaudeville actor, now starring in a medical unit "over here," made himself popular aboard the transport on the way across by singing the latest popular songs for his comrades. He finished one rendition in the dismal rear deck space and from the tiers of bunks came applause and cries of "Encore, encore!"
"Encore?" came a shout from a distant corner. "Let the same guy sing!"

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Savage, Bowdoin Star, Defeats
Princetonian Who Makes Same
Time in Preliminaries

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
NEW YORK, March 14.—Joie Ray, the Illinois Athletic Club whirlwind, ran one of the greatest races of his career in winning the Meadowbrook mile run at Philadelphia in the indoor carnival of the Meadowbrook Club. He crossed the line in four minutes, 17 4-5 seconds, only one and four-fifths seconds behind the world's indoor record, set by Lieutenant John W. Overton last year in the same event.
The second man to finish was Edwin H. Fall, Western Conference champion, now at the Great Lakes training station, and the third was Mike Devaney, New York star, now at the Boston navy yard.

Ray was hard pressed by both men for three-fourths of the distance. He then showed his amazing speed and drew away easily, winning by 15 yards.
W. Savage of Bowdoin College won the 45 yards hurdles in the record time of six seconds, beating C. R. Erdman of Princeton, who made the same record time in the preliminaries.
Pat Ryan, the giant New York weight thrower, won the 35 pound weight contest for distance with 20 feet, six inches. Bob Maxam won the 600 yard event in one minute, 24 3-5 seconds, only 3 2-5 seconds behind the record.
Pennsylvania and Lafayette beat Cornell and Lehigh in the match relay races.

COLLEGE SPORT NOTES

The entire first string football men on Williams' eleven in 1916, comprising 19 men, are now in the service. This is some record to equal.
The University of Michigan has decided to drop out of the Eastern intercollegiate this year.
The Michigan Aggies will have six hard games scheduled on the gridiron for next season.
Ransom, Beloit college's star athlete, formerly a well known performer at Hyde Park High, Chicago, has won a commission as lieutenant at Camp Logan.
Northern Illinois' crack swimming team has been badly crippled, as 20 of the star swimmers have joined the service.
Baker O'Leary, football hero at Purdue and West Point, is to be married shortly to Miss Barbara Benedict at New York, according to the American papers.
E. W. Anderson has been elected captain of next year's basketball team at Illinois.

FAMOUS VETERAN DIES

John Whalen, a catcher, famous in his day in the minor leagues, when the minors competed with the majors for stars, is dead at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., at the age of 59 years. In the early '80's he was the battery mate of Lady Baldwin, who became a famous pitcher.

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LATEST FLASHES FROM THE DIAMOND

The St. Louis Browns have sold Pitcher McCabe and Outfielder Ward Miller to the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Boston Braves have signed John Murray, star Georgetown University twirler. Murray has been pitching in semi-pro leagues and holds a record of 21 straight wins.

Joe Tinker, former Cub, now manager of the Columbus, Ohio, club, has decided to give a number of semi-pro and amateur players tryouts this spring in the hopes of picking up some good material for his Senators.

The American League has decided to place the player limit at 35 and by May 1 it must be reduced to 25.

Walter McCredie's latest phenom, who has been purchased by the Cubs, is only 20 years of age. His name is Charley Foliocher and he played a dazzling game at short for Portland last season.

H. W. Mason is to succeed Herman Seekamp as secretary and business manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Stuffy McInnes, who was traded to the Red Sox by Connie Mack, was married to Miss Elsie Dow at Manchester, Mass., recently.

The major leagues have decided to do away with the big jumps next season, especially the one day trips west for Sunday games, in order to help out the railroad congestion.

President Tener, of the National League, announces that his league will take care of the players having been drafted. The first big leaguer to enlist in the army.

Despite the loss of Alexander, Killifer and Paskert, Manager Moran, of the Phillies, is talking of his team being able to cop a place near the top.

The Detroit Tigers have lost two Howard Ehmke, besides eight recruits, through the draft.

There will be no changes in the line-up of the Champion White Sox next year, none of the players having been drafted. Manager Rowland does not plan any shifts in the makeup of his team.

Rumor has it that Steve Yerkes, the veteran player, is due for a comeback in the big circuit next season, the Cardinals being after him.

Jimmy Walsh, of the Red Sox, has joined the service at the Boston Navy yard.

Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington club, has arranged three exhibition games at American soldiers' camps for the spring trip. The Washington team will meet the Phillies at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., and later at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S.C., and also at Camp Greene, Charlotte, S.C.

Al Walters, the Yanks' backstop, has been playing winter ball in California and has put on quite a bit of weight. He thinks this will help him in his work in the big circuit.

Harry Clark, former manager of the Milwaukee club, has received offers to manage teams and may re-enter the game.

Walter Johnson has been placed in Class 4 in the draft, as he has two children and a wife dependent upon him. Ty Cobb is in Class 2.

Grover Lauderback has signed his contract with the Browns for next season.

Bob Becher, former big league star, is a holdout at Milwaukee. He received \$5,000 last year, but will be forced to take a big cut or quit the game this season.

"Doc" Johnson, with Birmingham last year, has been signed to cover first base for Milwaukee. He batted .271 last year.

The St. Louis Cards have signed Cliff Heathcote, of Penn State, to play in the field.

Fred Mollwitz, first baseman of the Cincinnati Reds, is a holdout. Joe Tinker is trying to buy Bob Becher from Milwaukee.

Both Klopfer, Harris and Lunte, of the Cleveland Club, are subject to the draft. Elmer Smith is already in the service.

Two major league ball players have won commissions as captains in the army, Roy Wood, former first baseman for Cleveland, and Jim Scott, of the White Sox.

The Reds will train at Camp Sheridan, near Montgomery, Ala. They have a series of six exhibition games hooked with the Tigers.

Jack Barry, former manager of the Red Sox, who joined the Navy, has been promoted his old job when the enlistment is up.

Clarke Griffith looks for a big year at Washington this season, as there are over 100,000 outsiders in the capital because of the war work.

Pete St. Louis Browns have purchased Pete Johns from the Columbus, American Association, team.

Orville Overall, former Cub twirler, is now a ranchman in California.

Chief Wilson has been let out by the Cardinals and has joined the Houston, Tex., club.

Roger Hornsby, who has been placed in the third draft class, is a holdout, refusing to accept the Card terms.

PLEBES LEAD IN
WEST POINT MEET

Yearling Swimmers Far
Behind in Interclass
Event

NEW YORK, March 14.—The West Point class of '21 won the swimming meet at West Point with a total of 41 points against 22 points, made by the class of 1920. The class of '19 was third with 17 points.

Yale swimmers beat Columbia 44 to 9 in swimming races, and 18 to 9 at water polo. Captain Peterson, of Yale, scored all three goals.

Hincks, of Yale, won the 220-yard swim by 30 feet in 2 minutes 41 seconds, the best time made this year.

Princeton defeated Columbia in their annual wrestling meet, 15 to 7. The Tigers won five out of seven bouts, one by a fall and four by decisions. Columbia won the bantam and welterweight bouts.

BEZDEK MOVES TO CHICAGO

Hugo Bezdek, manager of the Pirates, has removed his family from California to Chicago. Hugo thought he had better be east, where the big baseball doings are going on. He still contends the happiest days of his life were when he played football at Chicago.

An army cook is known by the mess he makes.

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